

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-21, and 23-29 are pending.

In the present Office Action, claims 1-2, 4, 7-9, 12-15, and 17-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over newly cited U.S Patent No. 6,192,384 (hereinafter “Pohlmann”). Claims 1, 5, 22-25 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,699,107 (hereinafter “Lawler”) in view of Pohlmann. Claims 3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawler, in view of Pohlmann, and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,108,695 (hereinafter “Chawla”). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pohlmann in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,901 (hereinafter “Sudhakaran”). Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pohlmann in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0159150. Finally, claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawler, in view of Pohlmann, and in view of Sudhakaran. Applicant has carefully reviewed the newly cited reference, the other references, and the examiner’s comments. Because the Applicant believes the currently pending claims recite a combination of features neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited art, Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejections and requests reconsideration in view of the following discussion.

A prima facie case of obviousness of a claimed invention is not established unless all the claim limitations are taught or suggested by the cited prior art. Applicant submits that at least each of independent claims 1, 15 and 22 recite a combination of features neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited art. For example, claim 1 recites features including:

“wherein a first request of the requests for an event booking identifies a first event which may occur in the future and a first action to be taken upon occurrence of said first event, wherein the first request includes a description of the first event using a syntax which is

unintelligible to the event broker, but which is intelligible to a first event manager of the event managers.”

Applicant submits the above highlighted features are not disclosed by the cited art as suggested. On page 4 of the present Office Action, it is suggested the above features are disclosed by Pohlmann. Specifically, it is stated that these features are “met by Figure 3-4 (See Col 6, Lines 20-35; Col 6, Lines 57-62).” For convenience, the cited portions of Pohlmann are reproduced below:

“Event filters describe identifying criteria for the events of interest and allow specification of various forms of comparison that can be specified for each of the fields of an event including key value pairs of the extended event structure. An event filter is, for example, a Boolean expression made up of subexpressions that compare a field of an event with a user specified value. Event filters are, for example, similar to the “WHERE” clause in Structured Query Language (SQL). The fundamental subexpression of an event filter is, for example, a phrase comparing a field of an event with a value, e.g., node=ptisun20. The subexpression node=ptisun20 means that the node field of the event must exactly match the string “ptisun20”. Any of the fields of the event structure can be used as the node field is used in the example, with the exception of the keys field array and values field array which require a special syntax.” (Pohlmann, Col. 6, lines 20-35).

“A special syntax is used to distinguish keys from other fields of the event that allows a different name space for the keys from the predefined fields of the event. The syntax is “keyfield.[name]”. An example testing for the value /usr of a key value pair would be, for example, keyfield.FileSystem=/usr.” (Pohlmann, Col. 6, lines 57-62).

It is first noted that the cited Figures 3-4 of Pohlmann merely depict block diagrams. There is nothing in these figures which disclose anything regarding the above highlighted features. Accordingly, Figures 3-4 of Pohlmann cannot support the above rejections. With respect to the above cited text of Pohlmann, Applicant submits neither do these disclose the above highlighted features. This disclosure of Pohlmann merely describes events may be specified and/or filtered based upon a simple Boolean

expression. An example of such an expression is then provided (i.e., "node=ptisun20"). Pohlmann also notes that all fields may be used in this manner, except for the "keys" and "values" array fields. Clearly this is the case, as these fields/variables are arrays of other key names (e.g., see sample struct in cols. 3-4 of Pohlmann). Accordingly, a different syntax is used to indicate particular values for these key value pairs. Similarly, the second quoted portion of Pohlmann above merely describes a particular syntax is used to distinguish keys from other fields of an event. Nothing in these disclosures addresses or suggests anything regarding the above highlighted features concerning unintelligibility. Further, Applicant can find nothing concerning such features in any of the cited art. Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicant submits a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established, and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. As all of the claim rejections depend upon Pohlmann as discussed above, Applicant submits all of the pending claims are distinguishable from the cited art.

Should the examiner have any questions or comments, or believe there remain issues which would prevent allowance of the present application, the below signed representative requests a telephone interview at (512) 853-8866 in order to facilitate a speedy resolution.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5266-02600/RDR.

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